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FIGHTING VEHICLE

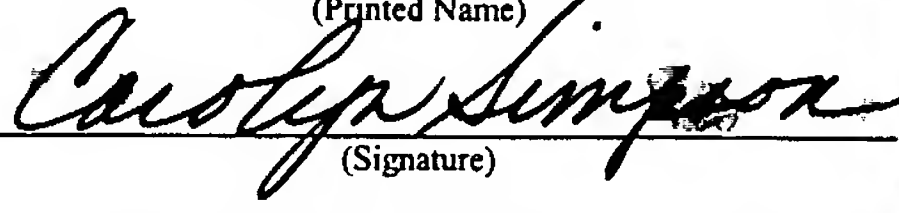
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TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits.

RELATED APPLICATIONS

The Examiner is hereby advised of the existence of the applications listed in the table below which share at least some common disclosure with the above-identified patent application and/or which may serve as the basis of priority or otherwise relate to one or more of the other patent applications in the table below. For completeness, the above-identified application is included in the list.

Atty. Dkt. No.	Serial No.	Title of Application
061300-0207	09/500,506 – U.S. Pat. No. 6,553,290	Equipment Service Vehicle Having On-Board Diagnostic System
061300-0210	09/364,690, now abandoned	Firefighting Vehicle Having Cooperative Control Network With Distributed I/O Interfacing
061300-0211	09/384,393, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,421,593	Military Vehicle Having Cooperative Control Network With Distributed I/O Interfacing
061300-0216	09/774,981 now U.S. Pat. No. 6,757,597	A/C Bus Assembly for Electronic Traction Vehicle
061300-0225	09/927,946 – now U.S. Pat. No. 7,024,296	Control System and Method for an Equipment Service Vehicle
061300-0229	10/364,683 – Published App No. 2003/0163228	Turret Targeting System and Method for a Fire Fighting Vehicle

061300-0230	10/325,439 – U.S. Pat. No. 6,993,421	Equipment Service Vehicle With Network-Assisted Vehicle Service and Repair
061300-0231	10/364,905 – U.S. Pat. No. 6,922,615	Turret Envelope Control System and Method for a Fire Fighting Vehicle
061300-0232	10/364,668 – Published App No. 2003/0171854	Turret Deployment System and Method for a Fire Fighting Vehicle
061300-0233	10/364,906 – Published App No. 2003/0163230	Turret Operator Interface System and Method for a Firefighting Vehicle
061300-0234	10/326,907 – Published App No. 2003/0158635	Firefighting Vehicle With Network-Assisted Scene Management
061300-0235	10/325,496 – Published App No. 2004/0024502	Equipment Service Vehicle With Remote Monitoring
061300-0246	10/137,585 – Published App No. 2003/0205422	Hybrid Vehicle with Combustion Engine/Electric Motor Drive
061300-0247	10/326,862 now U.S. Pat. No. 6,885,920	Control System and Method for Electric Vehicle
061300-0266	10/460,756 – now U.S. Pat. No. 7,006,902	Control System and Method for an Equipment Service Vehicle
061300-0272	10/314,918 – Published App No. 2003/0130765	Refuse Vehicle Control System and Method
061300-0355	10/402,381 now U.S. Pat. No. 6,882,917	Steering Control System and Method
061300-0361	10/683,878 – Published App No. 2004/0133319	User Interface and Method for Vehicle Control System
061300-0364	10/668,002 – Published App No. 2004/0055802	Refuse Vehicle Control System and Method
061300-0376	10/412,596 – now U.S. Pat. No. 6,909,944	Vehicle Control System and Method

061300-0414	10/419,649 – Published App No. 2003/0195680	Equipment Service Vehicle Having On-Board Diagnostic System
061300-0417	10/420,187 – Published App No. 2003/0200015	Equipment Service Vehicle Having On-Board Diagnostic System
061300-0427	10/668,623 – Published App No. 2004/0069865	Turret Positioning System and Method for a Fire Fighting Vehicle
061300-0535	10/962,172 – Published App No. 2005/0131600	Control System and Method for a Concrete Vehicle
061300-0617	10/817,556 – Published App No. 2004/0199302	Turret Control System and Method for a Fire Fighting Vehicle
061300-0621	10/718,051 – Published App No. 2004/0133332	A/C Bus Assembly for Electronic Traction Vehicle
061300-0627	10/903,450 – Published App No. 2005/0004733	Concrete Placement Vehicle Control System and Method
061300-0638	10/950,957 – Published App No. 2005/0119806	System and Method for Breaking in an Electric Vehicle
061300-0642	10/950,977 – Published App No. 2005/0114007	Multi-Network Control System for a Vehicle
061300-0643	10/950,978 – Published App No. 2005/0113988	Failure Mode Operation for an Electric Vehicle
061300-0649	10/915,258 – Published App No. 2005/0038934	Status Indicator for an Energy Storage Device for use with an Electric Vehicle
061300-0651	10/972,085 – Published App No. 2005/0113996	Ambulance Control System and Method
061300-0790	11/108,605 – Published App No. 2005/0234622	Steering Control System and Method
061300-0813	11/113,470 – Published App No. 2005/0209747	Control System and Method for Electric Vehicle

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Applicants note that due to the commercialization of the subject matter disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 6,421,593 (“the ’593 patent”), the subject matter disclosed in the ’593 patent and, in particular, the subject matter relating to the configuration and features of the control system 12 (col. 4, line 22 to col. 21, line 39; and col. 30, line 35 to col. 31, line 26) should be considered as being provisionally available as prior art under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §102(b). Thus, the Examiner should consider the information described in the ’593 patent as being available to serve as the basis for a prior art rejection should the Examiner believe that such a rejection is in order. However, because some of the features, characteristics, and configurations described in the ’593 patent may not have been included in the commercial embodiments, Applicants reserve the right to take any action which would be appropriate to traverse any such rejection by antedating or otherwise showing that the portion of the ’593 patent relied on is not properly available as prior art.

Applicants also note, in connection with the ’593 patent, that Applicants implemented an arrangement wherein a laptop computer (corresponding to the personal computer 85) was connected to a central control unit (corresponding to the control unit 14) by way of an RS-232 link. The laptop computer was further connected to a remote computer system by way of a telephone modem link. The laptop computer and the remote computer both executed software commonly known by the trade name “pcAnywhere” (a registered trademark of Symantec). The remote computer system was capable of directly examining inputs and directly controlling outputs by way of the telephone modem link and the pcAnywhere remote control software interface. An Internet connection was not used. This arrangement should be considered as prior art under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §102(b).



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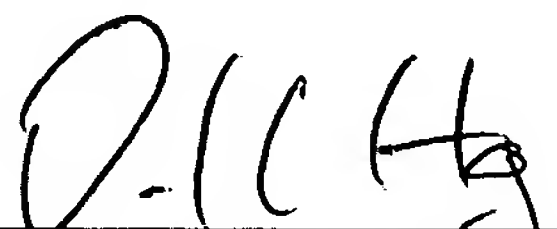
Applicants respectfully request that each listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Although Applicant believes that no fee is required for this Request, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Request to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Respectfully submitted,

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